Rajasthan	117.6	174.2	190
Tamil Nadu	5290	6060.8	7356
Uttar Pradesh	10362.5	11773.4	12183
West Bengal	11887	12636.8	12600
Others	1607.7	1735.7	1650
ALL INDIA	76975.3	81312.3	83524

Production (Thousand Tonnes)

Statewise Production of Total Pulses

State	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 (ADV)
Andhra Pradesh	711.2	768.4	562
Assam	57.1	68.4	73
Bihar	560.7	612.8	666
Gujarat	456.8	663.4	781
Haryana	412.4	342.8	440
Himachal Pradesh	10.7	11.4	33
Jammu & Kashmir	15.9	17	22
Karnataka	688.1	669.1	485
Kerala	14.6	14.6	19
Madhya Pradesh	3097.7	3715.4	3376
Maharashtra	1639.2	2036.8	1381
Orissa	431.1	298.9	384
Punjab	84	80.8	97
Rajasthan	1455.8	1875.7	1908
Tamil Nadu	233.1	410.2	391
Uttar Pradesh	2189.3	2664	2231
West Bengal	141.1	155.6	173
Others	51.1	54.5	53
ALL INDIA	12309.0	14459.8	13075

Losses due to floods and rains in Southern States

498. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total estimated loss of life and property in Southern States of India during the recent floods and rains, State-wise;

(b) what steps are being taken to give assistance to these States;

(c) whether any fact finding team has been sent to Tamil Nadu to assess the damage due to floods; and

(d) what will be the total estimate of assistance to Tamil Nadu from Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The damage due to rains/floods in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala during South-West Monsoon period, as reported by the States, is indicated below:—

State	Cropped area damaged (in lakh ha.)	Damage to huts/ Houses (in No.)	Human lives lost (in No.)
Andhra Pradesh	0.23	1	51
Karnataka	6.07	128402	310
Kerala	1.13	17563	138

(b) The entire Central Share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 1998-99 has been released to Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala. The Memoranda received from these States are in various states of processing.

(c) and (d) No such team has been sent as no report on damage due to floods has been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Production of Major Crops

499. SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Hindustan Times, dated the 3rd November, 1998 captioned "All is not well with India's food bowl—stagnating farm output eradicating farmers' economic status";

(b) whether production level of wheat and rice crop reached a point of saturation in Punjab and per capita income of farmers was less than half as compared to State's average of per capita income of Rs. 16,044/-; and

(c) if so, what concrete steps Government have so far taken to increase production of major crops as well as for economic welfare of farmers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The production of wheat and rice in Punjab has been showing an increasing trend, albeit with fluctuations. The State's per capita income during the year 1995-96 was Rs. 16044 per annum. The per capita income exclusively of farmers or other categories is not worked out.

(c) In order to increase the production and productivity of various crops and improve economic lot of the farmers, the Government is implementing crop specific development programmes and schemes in which incentives are provided to farmers for use of quality seeds and location specific hybrid varieties, application of integrated pest management, propagation of scientific water management including micro irrigation, improved farm implements. Besides, field demonstrations on farmers holding including training of farmers and farm labourers are organised for effective transfer of technology.

Government is also providing price and market support to the farmers by announcing the Minimum Support Prices for major crops and making arrangements for the procurement through the nodal ageancies. The subsidised supply of fertilisers encourages its consumption resulting in higher production.

Losses due to floods in Eastern U.P.

500. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey and estimated loss of lives and property caused due to heavy floods in Eastern Uttar Pradesh particularly in Mau and Ballia districts;

(b) whether Government are aware that people of 'Dewara Area' (Madhuban) of Mau district were forced to leave the area and have become completely homeless due to the flood;

(c) if so, the steps taken or likely to be taken to stop the occurance of this kind of floods and compensate the victims; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, with details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) As per reports received from the State Government of Uttar Predesh, loss of life and property due to heavy floods in Mau and Ballia districts is indicated below:—

District	Human lives lost	Houses/Huts Damaged
Mau	3	6019
Ballia	4	4478

(b) to (d) The State Government has reported that about 39065 people in Mau district were temporarily rendered homeless but soon returned to their houses after water receded. In both Mau and Ballia districts, financial assistance of Rs. 1,500/- was provided to each of the affected families. The people in flood affected areas of Ballia district were moved safer places and provided shelter